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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Prices continued to be unchanged throughout the week in all locations. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to moderate, fairly good in some locations. Supplies were balanced to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were mostly adequate to fully adequate. Demand was in a full range of light to good. Schedules were full-time. Floor stocks were balanced to ample. Trade sentiment was steady with a weak undertone. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged to lower. Offerings were tight to adequate with a fairly good demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs were 2 to 9, mostly 5.5 to 9 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged in all markets. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, loose egg sales reported as light to about moderate. Supplies continue adequate to ample and building in some locations although confidently held for the upcoming Easter holiday. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings ranged from adequate to mostly fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady, with a weak undertone.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	86-95	89-92
LARGE	85-94	87-90
MEDIUM	67-76	69-72
MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA		

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand, although improving, ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for immediate needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were limited for a moderate demand. Light type hens demand was fair to fairly good for adequate to barely adequate offerings.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	94-108	94-97
LARGE	88-102	93-97
MEDIUM	69-82	74-76
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

## COMBINED REGIONAL

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Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	95.50	95.00	75.00
SOUTHEAST	97.50	95.50	74.00
MIDWEST	90.50	88.50	70.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	96.50	94.50	74.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	95.02	93.38	73.52

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	03-20-07	03-13-07	03-21-06
Large	67-76	67-76	47-56
Medium	49-55	49-55	24-30

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - MAR 19, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		North	South	South		5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.3	27.0	8.5	11.4	19.7	73.9
	Change	-0.4	0.3	-0.3	1.0	2.7	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.7	55.7	19.9	28.3	39.6	172.2
	Change	-1.4	-1.8	1.7	2.0	2.0	1%
Large	Curr Wk	46.6	171.3	111.5	126.2	161.5	617.1
	Change	1.0	13.9	-0.8	7.9	17.2	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.3	42.1	13.2	19.9	48.5	135.0
	Change	-2.2	-2.5	1.4	-2.3	6.8	1%
Small	Curr Wk	5.6	6.4	2.4	3.7	8.1	26.2
	Change	2.0	-0.9	-0.1	-0.9	1.7	7%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.4	22.4	9.3	11.4	7.4	52.9
	Change	0.2	3.5	1.6	0.0	0.8	13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.4	63.9	18.8	45.5	24.8	174.4
	Change	1.6	4.2	-0.6	23.7	-0.7	19%
Total	Curr Wk	123.3	388.8	183.6	246.4	309.6	1251.7
Percent	Change	1%	4%	2%	15%	11%	7%

### TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1251.7	7%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	238.5	-6%	33
Total Shell Egg	1490.2	5%	190

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 157 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**  
W/E 17-MAR-07

	CASES BROKEN	(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)				INED
		LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	
CW	1,242,469	30,858	11,596	6,090	2,339	4,348
PW	1,265,159	31,484	11,840	6,219	2,572	4,602
LY	1,202,933	30,660	10,727	5,818	2,325	4,029
% Chg PWK	-2%	-2%	-2%	-2%	-9%	-6%
% Chg LY	3%	1%	8%	5%	1%	8%
2007	13,297,482	330,852	124,061	66,013	26,756	46,800
2006	13,936,026	342,321	130,588	71,562	32,767	47,547
% Change YTD-5%		-3%	-5%	-8%	-18%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.57	42.80	42.59
(Inedible Excluded)	39.07	39.16	39.24

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;  
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	602,097	48.5%	17,048	55.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	594,412	47.0%	16,750	53.2%
LAST YEAR	585,507	48.7%	16,632	54.2%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	MAR 10	MAR 17	MAR 10	MAR 17
	Thousand			
AL	30,166	30,707	20,491	20,132
AR	*28,240	28,016	*23,452	22,410
DE	4,047	4,043	3,826	4,693
FL	1,364	1,364	1,406	1,440
GA	35,527	34,527	*28,817	28,436
KY	*7,755	7,528	*6,390	6,228
LA	3,833	3,893	3,454	3,998
MD	9,019	8,975	7,029	5,929
MS	19,149	19,281	*17,289	17,397
NC	19,538	19,305	15,852	15,472
OK	*6,603	6,689	*5,061	5,574
PA	*3,943	3,834	*2,946	2,910
SC	5,383	5,479	4,792	5,242
TX	14,935	15,169	12,228	12,275
VA	6,203	6,246	4,819	4,901
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,981	19,912	*16,741	16,708

19 State Total \*215,686 214,968 \*174,593 173,745

Previous Year Total 216,768 213,555 175,801 177,396

Pct. of Prev. Year 100 101 99 98

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 28-Apr-07 is estimated at 160.4 million head. This compares to 160.3 million head the previous week and to 166.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 58.77 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/15/07-03/21/07

CLASS	CURRENT LDS		FUTURE LDS		TOTAL LDS	
	SE	NE	MW	SE	NE	MW
GNR W 1	70.17	—	70.75	73.00	—	73.25
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	64.00
GL W J	—	—	86.50	88.00	64.00	—
GL W XL	—	80.75	81.07	81.94	66.80	69.00
GL W LG	—	85.00	73.40	78.00	65.15	84.00
GL W MD	68.00	—	60.16	61.95	54.80	—
GL W SM	—	—	54.20	57.00	44.50	51.50
GL BR J	—	—	111.00	112.50	—	—
GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	50.00	—
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	56.29
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	52.67	54.63
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	40.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 17-MAR-07

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW		PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	25.3		25.3		0	-7
Boston	2.6		3.2		-19	-19
Chicago	76.3		62.5		22	-7
Detroit	14.5		16.5		-12	-19
Kansas City	5.6		3.8		47	47
Los Angeles	101.0		105.2		-4	-11
New Orleans	5.7		5.9		-3	4
New York	27.2		26.5		3	-19
St. Louis	12.9		12.8		1	-5
San Francisco	17.2		18.1		-5	-8
Total	288.3		279.8		3	-10
4 Week Moving Avg.	278.5					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 17-MAR-07

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,112	2,486	15	3	4,616
Avg Wt	17.99	38.57	25.36	30.44	29.11
Last week	1,801	2,670	22	4	4,497
Same wk yr ago	1,821	2,645	22	17	4,505
Avg Wt	17.22	38.51	25.66	25.90	29.79
To-date/2007	19,837	27,434	156	47	47,474
To-date/2006	18,564	27,132	241	59	45,996

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

Week ending 17-MAR-07 (Preliminary)						
---YOUNG TURKEYS---			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED		AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	--THOUSAND	HEAD--	LIVE WT	
North East	763	1	23.89	(A)	764	23.89
South Atlantic	787	19	32.96	(A)	788	32.96
North Central	2,019	-5	33.98	(A)	2,020	33.98
South Central	730	5	18.31	(A)	730	18.31
West	314	29	25.82	(A)	314	25.82
U.S. total	4,613(B)	3	29.11	3	4,616	29.11
To-date						
2007	47,427(B)			47	47,474	
To-date						
2006	45,937(B)			59	45,996	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 15,000; for the current year to date 156,000; for last year to date 241,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 17-Mar-2007	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	158,088	1,223	1,220	2,443	535
Avg Wt	5.39	3.21	7.96	5.58	5.73
Last week	161,346	1,182	1,356	2,538	547
Same wk yr ago	162,304	1,001	1,441	2,442	519
Avg Wt	5.31	3.35	8.09	6.15	6.22
To-date/2007	1,715,656	12,225	14,943	27,168	5,724
To-date/2006	1,764,662	13,515	15,657	29,172	5,551

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.0 million head, or 1.6 million less than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Mar-07

CW - 03/24/07(1) PW - 03/17/07

CLASS	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	158,617(2)	161,977
Light hens	1,336	1,315
Heavy hens	1,369	1,257
Total	161,322	164,549

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Mar-07 is 161.3 million head compared to 164.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.9 million head or 2.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 31-Mar-07 the estimated available is 161.1 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEKENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
February 10	159.4	160.9	99%	5.35
17	160.8	160.7	100%	5.40
24	161.2	162.0	100%	5.21
March 3	162.0	161.8	100%	5.37
10	163.3	162.0	101%	5.43
17	160.0	161.6	99%	5.39
Year to date	1,736.5	1,758.9	99%	
March 24		161.3		
31		161.1		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER** Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of:

19-Mar-2007 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	73.00-76.00	74.54	38 :	75.46	70
Los Angeles	84.00	83.40	63 :	81.35	142
New York	74.00-77.00	76.36	22 :	76.17	45

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

19-MAR-2007	Change from 12-MAR-2007	12-MAR-2007	20-MAR-2006
78.01	-1.01	79.02	60.89

NUMBER OF LOADS 524

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS.** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

**CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/**

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-73	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-73	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	71-73	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-73	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -** Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS (THOUSANDS)	Turkeys/LBS (THOUSANDS)	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 03/19/07	3,241	72,837	51,122
AM 03/01/07	3,312	69,187	54,570
CHG	-71	3650	-3448
PCT CHG	-2%	5%	-6%

**HEN MARKETS****HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)\* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 019Mar-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	5-9 CENTS/LB.		6.98
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	4.75-10 CENTS/LB.		7.04

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

\*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

**LIGHT TYPE**

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 16-Mar-07

**REMOVAL COST**

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	4-12	7-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	2-9	5.5-9

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 17-Mar-2007	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
North Atlantic	176.8	4	-8
East North Central	675.0	2	10
West North Central	291.5	0	2
South Atlantic	208.6	5	6
South Central	63.4	0	-2
West	196.9	1	0
Total	1,612.2	2	4
Matched plants reporting		82	82

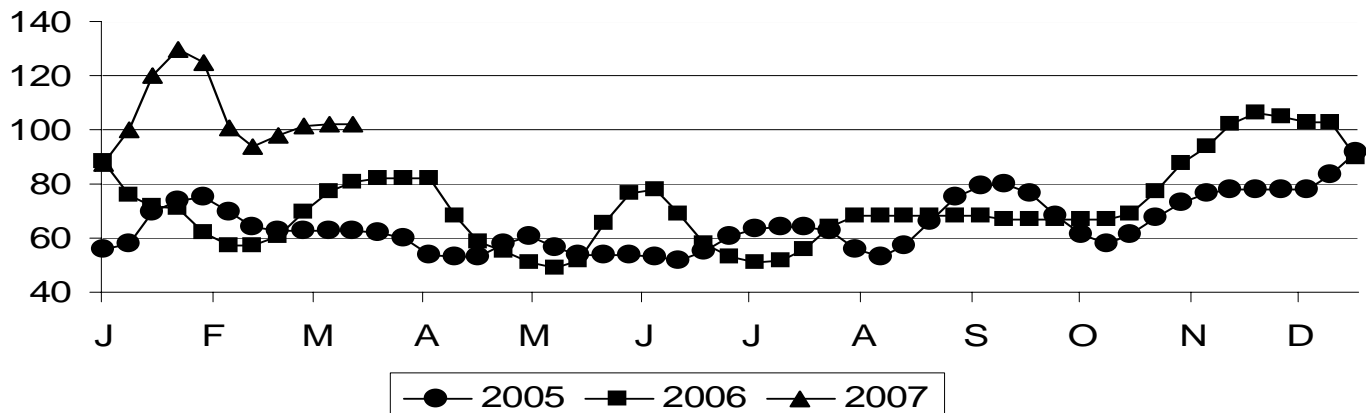
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN) West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)

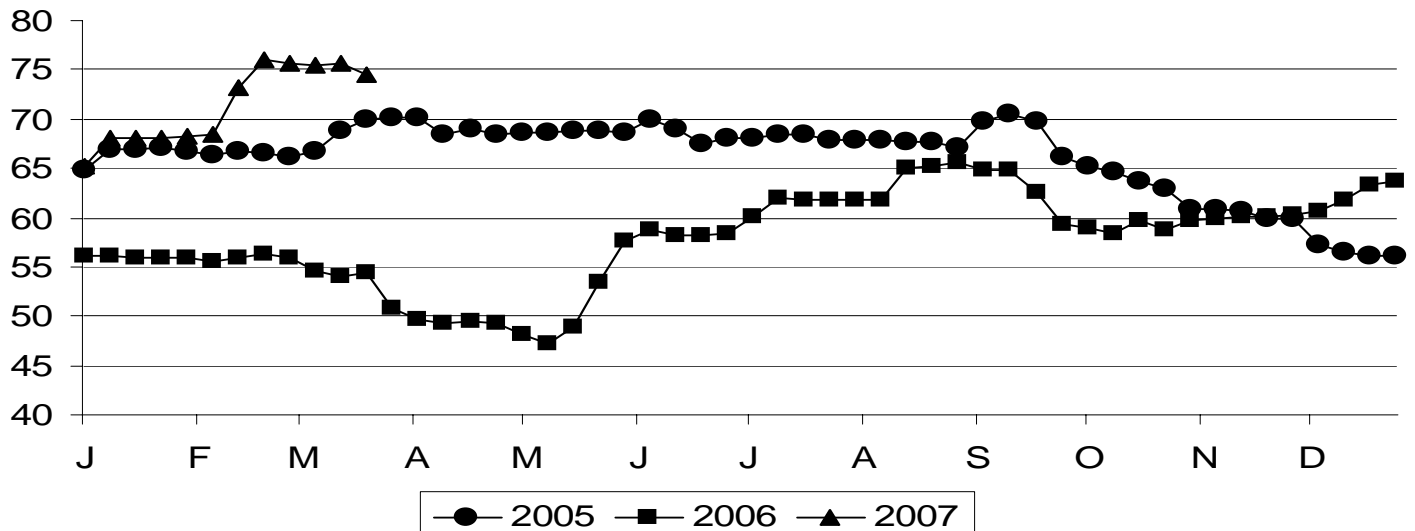
South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY) South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)

West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

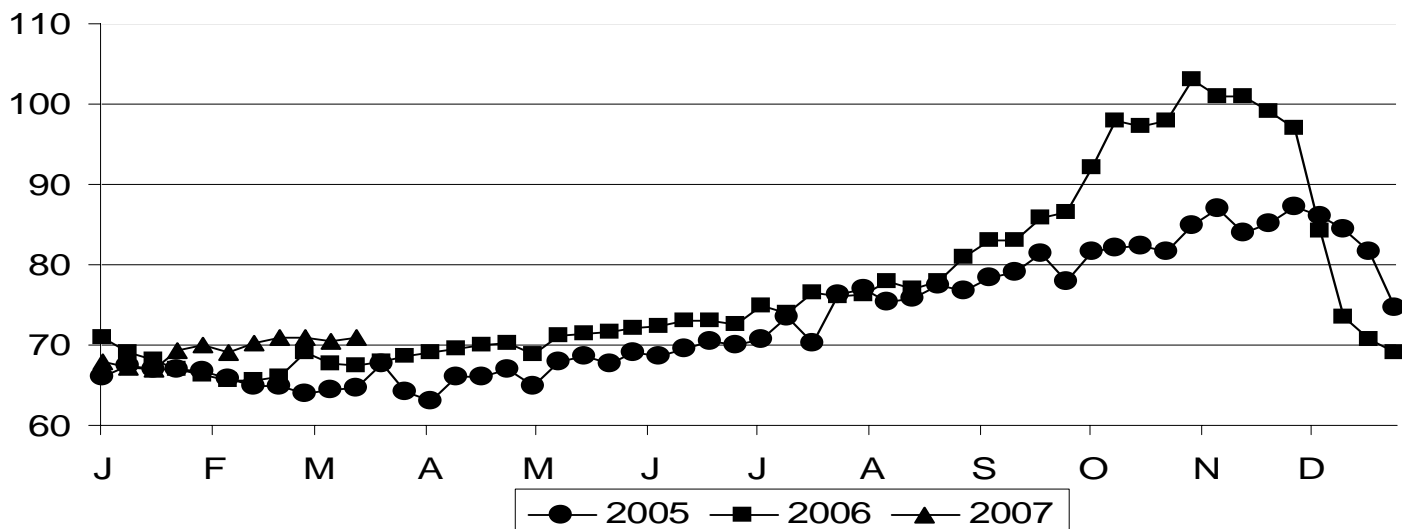
### New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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